

Application Number 10/603,237
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Reply to Office action of 11/16/2004

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 10-16 and 19 have been cancelled. Claims 6, 8, 9, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 6-9, 17-18 and 20 remain in the application.

Claims 6 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 6. Claims 9 and 18 have been amended to remove the word type.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

Claims 1-7, 10, 13-16 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Skovhoj (US Pat. No. 4,663,920) in view of Stout (US Pat. No. 5,477,665) and Meehleder (5,040,360).

Claims 1-7, 10, 13-16 and 19 have been cancelled.

Claims 6-9 and 17-18 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

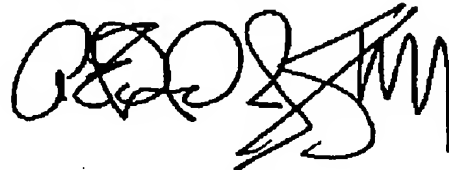
Claims 6 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 6. Claims 9 and 18 have been amended to remove the word type.

Claim 20 does not stand rejected in the current office action and remains in the application.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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